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DEVIATES OF ALL TYPES RECRUITED AS SPIES

Soviet Strategy: Use the 'Weak' to Bury U.S.

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In our Cold War face-off with the Soviet Union, so much attention is devoted to the Reds' army, navy and nuclear strength that their best hidden play is getting scant attention.

It's the astute Russian scheme to make us use our own weaknesses to destroy ourselves.

It's a sort of do-it-yourself destruction kit, lovingly wrapped and packaged in the Kremlin and embossed with a slogan that's surefire in the American market: Absolutely no effort for you—just snip the ribbon!"

All Weaknesses That Flesh Is Heir To

The scheme is far less costly than any military invasion of the United States.

The tip-off comes from the gallery of Americans which the Soviet Secret Police recently pressed into service as spies.

Venality, homosexuality, al-

coholism, self-pity, wounded pride, obsession with sex, a sense of racial inferiority, a fear of blackmail, an urge to strike back at persecutors real or imaginary—traces of them all can be found in the ready responses of American dupes to the bait the Russians used to win them over.

The import goes far beyond the narrow circle of the espionage racket.

There are broad hints coming from many other directions that the Reds plan to bury us by using the same kind of bait on a much more massive but subtle scale on the theory that our composite national character will fall for it.

Could they be right?

The Germans thought this

was a sound theory in the early days of World War I, but history proved they miscalculated.

They and their Axis allies thought the theory had even greater validity in the early days of World War II, but once more it was a miscalculation.

The Chinese Reds were even surer of it in 1950, as far as it applied to Korea, but this time the miscalculation was by no means as great as the others. With spiked guns, sheathed swords, and United Nations-imposed bombines, we settled for limited objectives and muddled agreements.

In the cases of Castro's Cuba, South Viet Nam, and Panama, the fuzz is getting thicker than thistledowns in August as to how much firm resolve we intend to put behind any clearly defined goals whatsoever.

Who could blame the Communists, then, either in Peking or Moscow, for be-

lieving that the total drift of the American people may be towards the same general direction taken by the Americans who turned to spying?

For Nelson Drummond, the old Navy man, it started out with liquor and an incurable taste for the fleshpots.

For Sgt. Jack E. Dunlap, the old Army man, it was pretty much the same thing.

For Irwin C. Scarbeck, the diplomat in our Warsaw Embassy, a man with a wife and children, it was an uncontrollable susceptibility to the haunting voice and figure of dark-eyed Urszula Discher, 22.

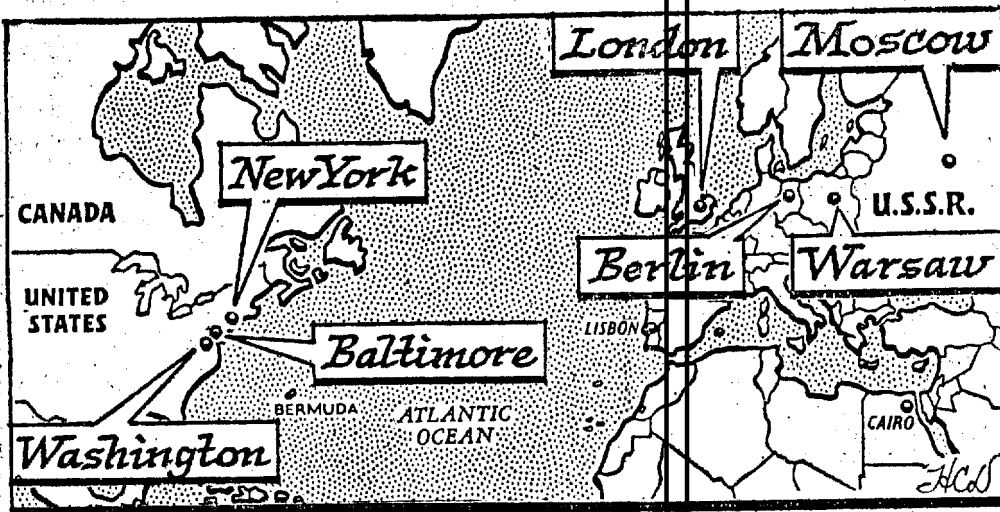
For the two defectors from the National Security Agency—Eernon F. Mitchell and Williams H. Martin—it was that puzzling malaise of modern society, homosexuality.

Susceptibilities Are Varied and Many

For the American servicemen who were gathered into the vortex of that perfumed Tobacco Road presided over by Christine Keeler and her friends in London, and watched closely by the Soviet Union's Capt. Eugene Ivanov, it was another American vice which can prove as perilous as any—sheer naivete.

Put them all together, and whirl them around as the planners in Moscow, Peking, and Havana are constantly doing. Do you get a blend of national character which is

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SEVEN CITIES . . . They mark the spots where Soviet Secret Police agents have successfully dangled

bait before potential American recruits, based on the latter's known weaknesses.

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steadily deteriorating on trails blazed by our turn-coats?

Apparently the Reds think so and are betting their foreign policy on it.

Weather they are right or wrong will prove to be the riddle of our lifetime.

It's a riddle which can never be resolved without taking note that in our stand against the Communists, two worlds, each with a split personality, are arrayed against each other.

The Russians are basically Puritans who, on behalf of their country, will stoop to the nastiest forms of depravity to enlist spies bent on our obstruction.

The Americans are basically self-indulgent, pleasure-loving people, who will rise to the greatest heights of bravery and sacrifice when we know we are threatened.

Obviously, then, it's going to be much easier to lick us when we don't know.